

They belong to the ages...

ABRAHAM LINCOLN
MAHATMA GANDHI

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It is a fact of history that nations produce men who are equal to the times.

To America, in her time of testing, came Abraham Lincoln.

To India, to guide her freedom struggle, came Mahatma Gandhi.

Separated by space and time, these two great leaders were motivated by two common basic convictions: belief in the common man, and belief in the ultimate triumph of Truth.

Their words still live as an inspiration to free men everywhere.

Lincoln

“Every man is said to have his peculiar ambition. I can say for one that I have no other so great as that of being esteemed by my fellow men by rendering myself worthy of their esteem.”

Gandhi

“Having flung aside the sword, there is nothing except the cup of love which I can offer to those who oppose me. It is by offering that cup that I expect to draw them close to me.”



Lincoln

“No man is good enough to govern another man without that other man’s consent.”

Gandhi

“I hold that democracy cannot be evolved by forceful measures. The spirit of democracy cannot be imposed from without; it has to come from within.”



Lincoln

“I happen, temporarily, to occupy this big White House. I am a living witness that any of your children may look to come here as my father’s child has.”

Gandhi

“We are all absolutely equal. But equality is of souls and not of bodies. Assumption of superiority by any person over any other is a sin against God and man.”



Lincoln

“Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and under a just God, cannot long retain it.”

Gandhi

“Indian culture is neither Hindu, Islamic nor any other wholly. It is a fusion of all. I want the culture of all lands to be blown about my feet as freely as possible. But I refuse to be blown off my feet by any.”



Lincoln

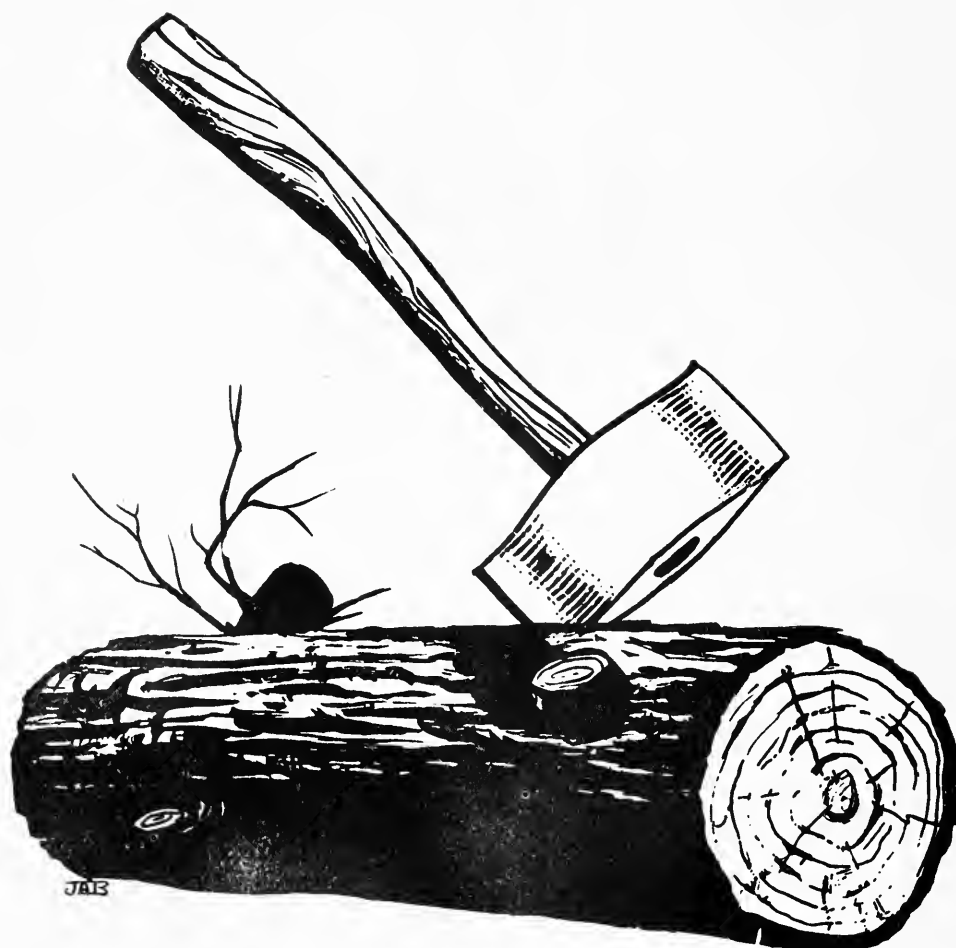
“I know that there is a God, and that He hates injustice and slavery. I see the storm coming, and I know His hand is in it. If He has a place and work for me, and I think He has, I believe I am ready. I am nothing, but TRUTH is everything.”

Gandhi

“In the midst of humiliation and so-called defeat and a tempestuous life, I am able to retain my peace, because of an underlying faith in God, translated as TRUTH.”

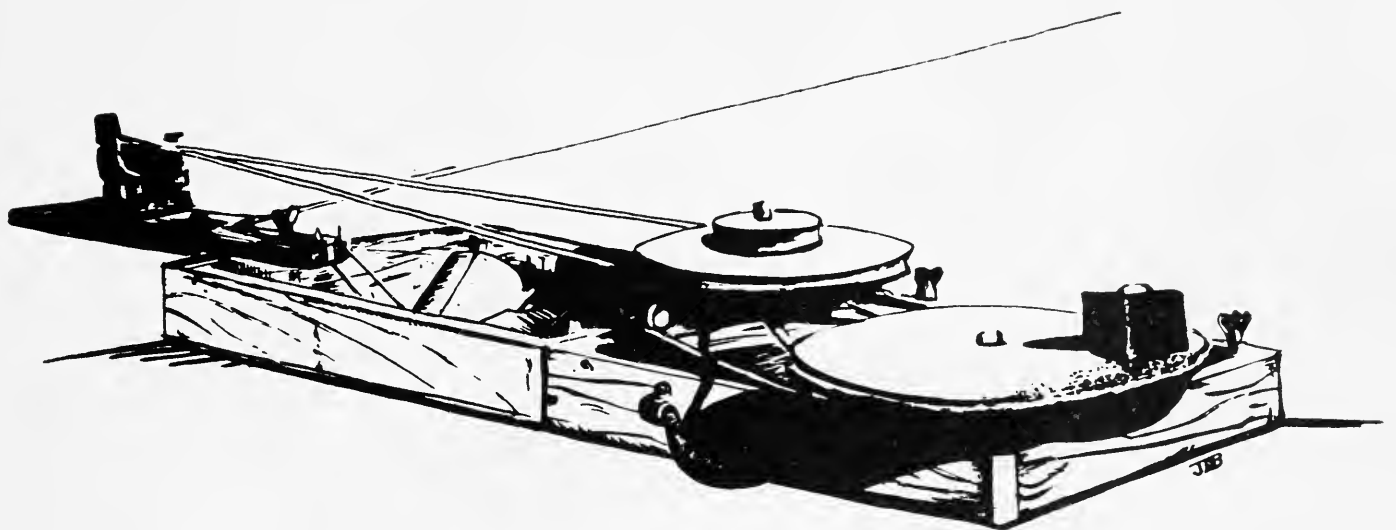


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Lincoln

“If my own strength should fail, I shall at least fall back on these masses, who, I think, under any circumstances will not fail.”



Gandhi

"Power resides in the people and is entrusted for the time being to those whom they may choose as their representatives."

Lincoln

“A man has not time to spend his life in quarrels. If any man ceases to attack me. I never remember the past against him.”

Gandhi

“What is true of individuals is true of nations. One cannot forgive too much. The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.”



Lincoln

“A nation which endures factious domestic division, is exposed to disrespect abroad.”

Gandhi

“Democracy disciplined and enlightened is the finest thing in the world. A democracy prejudiced, ignorant, superstitious will land itself in chaos and may be self destroyed.”



Lincoln

“With malice toward none, with charity for all.”

Gandhi

“We can only win over the opponent by love, never by hate.”



Lincoln

“Why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people. Is there any better or equal hope in the world ?”

Gandhi

“To me, Hind Swaraj is the rule of all the people, is the rule of justice.”



Lincoln

“If there is anything which it is the duty of the whole people to never entrust to any hands but their own, that thing is the preservation and perpetuity of their own liberties and institutions.”

Gandhi

“Self government depends entirely upon our own internal strength, upon our ability to fight against the heaviest odds. Indeed, self-government which does not require that continuous striving to attain it and sustain it, is not worthy of the name.”





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